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For: Discharge Arm Assembly with)
Guiding Cable)

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Response to Office Action

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated August 30, 2010.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 7, 10, 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dupont et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,886,611).

With regard to claim 1, however, Dupont fails to disclose any of the following limitations:

1. A balanced loading and unloading arm which is installed at a first location and includes a compass-style duct system. Contrary to the Examiner's assertion, elements 19, 22 shown in Figure 5C of Dupont do not comprise a compass-style duct system. As is readily understood by the person of ordinary skill in the art, a compass-style duct system comprises two or more rigid pipe